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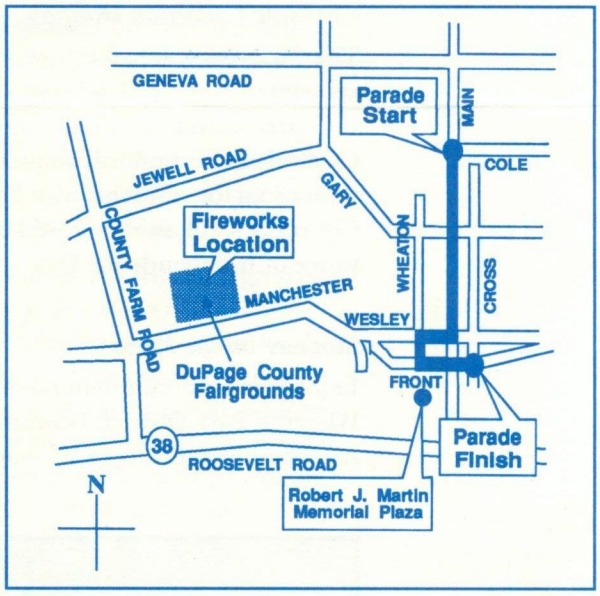
Independence Day Activities

Celebrate the Independence Day with a Stars and Stripes Breakfast and the Declaration of Community Spirit presented by Mayor, C. James Carr. Enjoy freshly made waffles, berries, and beverages served from 8 to 10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the History Center, 606 N. Main Street. Call 682-9472 for more information.

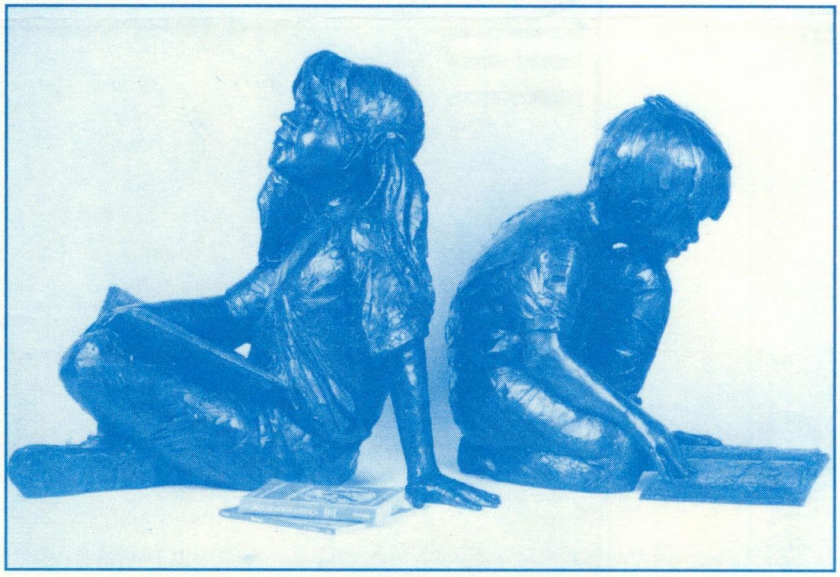
The 4th of July parade will begin at 10 a.m. and the theme of this year's parade is "Wheaton—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow…". The reviewing stand will be at the Martin Memorial Plaza. See the map for details on the parade route. The parade is organized by the Wheaton Jaycees.

On the evening of July 4, there will be a fireworks display at the DuPage County Fairgrounds on Manchester Road. The fireworks show will begin at dusk. ▲



Library to Acquire Sculpture

The Library Board of Trustees invites residents to assist the Library in its effort to acquire the bronze sculpture group, Story Time II, to enhance the library entrance from the new parking lot. The sculpture was designed by Colorado artist, Gary Price. A tax deductible contribution of $100 buys a personalized brick that will be used to pave the sculpture court. Persons interested in puchasing a brick should fill out a form available at any public service desk of the library or call 668-3097 to receive one by mail or fax. Please join your friends and neighbors in support of the library's beautification project. ▲



July 1997

City Notes...

Picnic-in-the-Park

On July 3, the Wheaton Municipal Band will hold a special pre-Independence Day concert. The City of Wheaton and the Wheaton Park District will host the annual Picnic-in-the-Park at 6 p.m. followed by the holiday concert at 8 p.m. Families are encouraged to gather at Memorial park (Wheaton and Karlskoga Avenues) for an old-fashioned picnic and free entertainment. Bring your picnic basket and try snacks, desserts, and beverages from booths set up by service clubs.

Curbside Collection Holiday

The City's contractual refuse, yard waste, and recycling hauler, BFI, will not collect materials at the curb on Independence Day (Friday, July 4). Curbside collection will be provided one day later than usual for residents with Friday collection. City offices will also be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Summer on the Plaza

Enjoy free entertainment co-sponsored by the Wheaton Park District, Downtown Business Association, and City of Wheaton, every Saturday at the Robert J. Martin Memorial Plaza (corner of Front and Main Streets) from Noon to 1 p.m. The following performances are scheduled for the month of July: Tuey Connell Group on July 12, Garden Village Jazz Band on July 19, and Emerald Classic Rock on July 26.

Test Your 9-1-1 Service

With the advent of competition in the phone industry, new phone companies are now providing service in the Wheaton area. To make sure you can reach the proper people in an emergency, DU-COMM, the consolidated 9-1-1 and emergency dispatch center, encourages residents to dial 9-1-1 and verify the information the phone company provides. When you dial 9-1-1 to test your phone **be sure to tell the Telecommunicator that this is a test call and you are just calling to make sure your information is correct and you have reached the proper 9-1-1 center.** Please do not make a test call between the hours of 5 p.m. and 1 a.m., Monday through Saturday, as those are busy times for DU-COMM. The best time to make a test call is any time on Sunday or Monday through Friday before 5 p.m. ▲

JULY meeting calendar

1 *Plan Commission (7:30 p.m.)*

3 *Municipal Band Concert (8:00 p.m.)*

4 **Independence Day**
City Offices Closed
No Solid Waste Collection

7 *City Council Meeting (7:30 p.m.)*

8 *Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (5:00 p.m.)*
Police Pension Board (7:00 p.m.)
Board of Zoning Appeals (7:30 p.m.)

9 *Liquor Control Commission (7:30 p.m.)*
School Board (7:30 p.m.)

10 *Municipal Band Concert (8:00 p.m.)*

12 *Coffee with Council (10 a.m. – Noon)*

14 *City Council Planning Session (7:00 p.m.)*

15 *Historic Commission (7:00 p.m.)*

16 *Community Cable Commission (7:30 p.m.)*
Park Board (7:30 p.m.)

17 *Municipal Band Concert (8:00 p.m.)*

21 *City Council Meeting (7:30 p.m.)*
Library Board (8:00 p.m.)

22 *Board of Zoning Appeals (7:30 p.m.)*

23 *Sister City Commission (7:30 p.m.)*
School Board (7:30 p.m.)

24 *Municipal Band Concert (8:00 p.m.)*

28 *City Council Planning Session (7:00 p.m.)*

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Reminder . . .

To avoid a $5 late fee, cat and dog licenses must be purchased by July 31, 1997. Written proof from a licensed veterinarian of spaying/neutering and vaccination against rabies is required at license application. Register your pet at the Finance Department in City Hall or call 260-2026 for more information.

At the Library

After-Pool Special—Children entering grades 1–3 may drop in weekly for a story and a movie. This program will be offered on July 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 3 p.m.

Storytime—Children entering grades 5–6 may enjoy a presentation entitled *Knight Time and Dragon Tales* on July 16 at 3 p.m. *Gentle Giants: Gorillas in Fact and Fiction* will be offered for children in grades 3–4 on July 22 at 3 p.m.

American Girls Tea—At 3 p.m. on July 10, 17, and 31, children in third and fourth grades can participate in this special program at the library.

Grandparents' Day—Stories for children in grades 1–2 accompanied by an adult takes place on July 25 at 3 p.m.

Fire Downtown!—A storytelling of the Great Wheaton Fire of 1885 will be held for students in fifth grade and older on July 29 at 3 p.m.

Movies—Children grades 1–5 may enjoy movies at 3 p.m. on July 2, 8, and 23.

Rock 'n Read—A summer reading program for sixth through ninth grade students will run from June 11 through August 16. There will be weekly prize drawings.

Summer Reading Program—Register now for the adult summer reading program. There will be weekly prize drawings.

Getting Started in Genealogy—The beginning steps in researching your family tree will be taught by the library's genealogist, Donna Freymark, on July 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. and July 10 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Great Books—This book discussion group for adults will meet at 7:30 p.m. on July 9 to discuss *Jacques the Fatalist and His Master* by Denis Diderot. Copies are available at the library.

On-Line Catalog—On July 23 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. a hands-on class using the library's on-line catalog will be offered.

For more information on children's programs call 668-1374 ext. 23, and to register for adult classes call 668-1374 ext. 14. ▲

Wheaton Public Library
225 N. Cross
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

History Center Activities

Interpretive Tours—The Wheaton History Center will bring you closer to the past through free, guided tours. The tours are open to all ages and last approximately one hour. On July 13 at 2 p.m., you can experience the anxiety of a slave running for freedom in a tour entitled *The Liberty Line: The Slaves' Road to Freedom.* On July 19 at 2 p.m., *From Leeches to Lasers: Feelin' Good in DuPage County* will allow you to discover the effects of medicine and technology on diseases.

Legends of Wheaton Golf Classic—On July 17, celebrate the contributions of lifetime Wheatonites Margaret Rathje and Allan Webster. Everyone is invited to this charity event benefitting the Wheaton History Center. Tee times begin at 11:30 a.m. For non-golfers who want to join in the celebration, dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. The golf package costs $110 and the dinner only costs $35.

"Era Explorers" Day Camp—Third through sixth graders can attend the first session of this camp from July 28 – August 1 and explore American life from 1880 through the roaring twenties. In the second session, August 4–8, campers will explore the 1930s through *Star Wars.* Activities will bring a different era to life each day. Camp times will be Monday–Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call or visit the History Center to register.

The Wheaton History, at 606 N. Main Street, is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 682-9472 for more information. ▲

Q&A

Q: Who is responsible for maintaining the strip of land between my fence and the street?

A: Each resident is responsible for maintaining (removing snow and cutting grass) the parkway areas that are adjacent to their property. The parkway includes, but is not limited to, property between the sidewalk and the street, and even the area between your fence and the street. Section 58-22 of the Wheaton City Code prohibits residents from placing signs and decorative landscaping materials, such as rocks and railroad ties, in the parkway. ▲

Library Parking Lot Construction

The Wheaton Public Library will begin construction on its parking lot this summer. City and library officials believe the newly designed and re-configured parking lot will be safer, more functional and convenient, and more aesthetically pleasing. The entrance to the library will be the focal point of the construction project with a nicely landscaped patio-type court as a setting for a bronze sculpture.

It is estimated that construction will last approximately three months ending in late September, at the earliest. Chicagoland Paving Contractors were awarded a contract to complete the project at an estimated cost of $397,000. Construction will proceed in stages so that part of the parking lot will always be available.

The new parking lot will have two-way aisles allowing for better traffic movement within the lot. The main entrance will still be from Seminary Street, but it will be enlarged to permit outgoing vehicle traffic as well. The new parking lot will have express parking spaces near the front doors for book drop-off. A long landscaped area with sidewalks leading to the library doors will project into the parking lot, visually separating it into two connected parts. This will make it easier to locate the handicapped parking spaces near the doors.

In order to keep parking areas free from flooding, a stormwater detention area will be located on the southeast corner of the library block. Library and city staff will make every attempt to minimize inconveniences to patrons during construction. ▲

Feedback

July 1997

The purpose of this column is to provide a way in which you can communicate with the City Council. Your advice, suggestions and questions are appreciated and will be reacted to. (Mail to Mayor's Office, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton.)

As a citizen of Wheaton, it is my opinion that _____

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How you can help the library acquire a sculpture for its new entrance

The library's parking lot will be improved this summer—find out how!

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